

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FAKE CURRENCY

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of counterfeit currency seized in current year till date in capital and other parts of the country;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any probe regarding involvement of ISI and other agencies in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof and steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a): According to Delhi Police, fake currency of the amount equivalent to Rs.6595780/- seized in Delhi during the 2007 (upto 31st July). As per the information made available by the National Crime Records Bureau, fake Indian currency of the amount approximately equivalent to Rs. 62907369/- seized during the year 2006.

(b) & (c): Intelligence inputs suggest strong suspicion of involvement of ISI and other agencies in this regard. 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and as such registration, investigation and prevention of crime including cases of fake currency is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government has taken a number of steps to curb circulation of fake currency notes in the country which inter-alia include sharing of intelligence with the State Government; shoring up of vigilance by the Border Security Force/Customs authorities to prevent smuggling of fake currency notes into the country; dissemination of information on security features through print and electronic media for the benefit of public etc.